

FOUR KILLED BY YOUTH WHO TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

**Ax and Knife Used by Insane
Man on Father, Mother,
Brother, Sister-in-Law.**

Elkton, Ky.—Charles Millen, a prominent farmer of South Todd county, his wife, Mrs. Betty Millen, a son, Elmore Millen, aged thirty-five years, and Elmore's wife, Mrs. Ammie Millen, aged thirty, were slain at the Millen home Thursday morning at 6:30 o'clock by Frank Millen, aged thirty-three, another son, who then committed suicide after telephoning the coroner that all the members of the family had been murdered.

The murderer is supposed to have been suddenly stricken with insanity.

The coroner, upon receiving the message, rushed to the place of the crime and found a terrible scene of carnage.

The murders had been committed with an ax and a knife, and the heads of three of the victims had been split wide open, while Elmore Millen had been stabbed to death. Frank Millen, the slayer, had placed a rope around his neck, had thrown one end over the rafters of the back porch and then had fired a bullet through his heart. He was dead when the officers reached the scene.

The father, Charles Millen, was found on the porch near the body of Frank. The murderer had slipped up behind him and had struck him in the back of the head with the ax. He had then gone into the kitchen, where his mother was preparing breakfast. Mrs. Millen's body lay on the floor near the stove, and she also had been hit from behind, with the same weapon that caused the death of her husband. The wife of Elmore Millen lay on the floor of her bedroom, and it was evident she had been slain while she was making up the bed.

Elmore Millen's body was found in the stable, and he had been stabbed to death.

The murderer left a note, dated Wednesday, which said:

"This act was done to avoid suffering on this earth. The executor will sell all stock at once."

"FRANK MILLEN."

Frank Millen, the slayer, bore the reputation of being an industrious, peaceable, young man, and had worked on the farm with his father and brother until about a month ago, when he suddenly stopped working, declaring that he was feeling ill and was suffering from pains in his head. He consulted a physician, a cousin, in Elkton, and after some treatment seemed to feel better, resuming his labors several days ago.

At no time was he considered insane, however, and generally appeared to be of a genial disposition.

The Millen family was one of the best known and most prosperous in the section in which they lived, and their home life had always been regarded as ideal. Their house was one of the costliest in that section, and their farm one of the largest and most productive.

CHILD BROUGHT TO LIFE

**After Heart Action Stopped From
Croup Surgeons Revive Girl.**

Quincy, Ill.—Heroic efforts of three Quincy surgeons brought back to life the fifteen-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lake, of Quincy.

The little girl had been suffering from membranous croup. When the three surgeons were called to the residence the child was found in its final dying gasps.

The surgeon's instruments had been left on the kitchen table from a previous visit, and the child, its heart stopped, was hastily carried to the table.

While one of the surgeons made an incision in the neck and cut an opening in the windpipe, another of the trio by moving the arms attempted resuscitation, and in a few seconds the child was breathing again. It is thought she will recover.

WHAT THE FARMERS WANT.

An editorial in the current issue of Farm and Fireside says:

"Any insight into the agricultural mind, any index as to the direction in which we farmer folk are traveling, is always interesting. Especially is this true as regards matters of legislation. For this reason a recent inquiry made through the board of agriculture in a corn-belt State to its crop correspondents is worthy of note. These farmer reporters—some 800 in number—were invited to suggest subjects for desirable legislation, whether such

legislation be the enactment of new laws or the amendment or repeal of existing ones.

"What did the replies reveal? Was there railing against the railroads and a cry to curb all corporations, the good and bad alike? Not so. At the head of the list is the question of roads, a demand for sensible, businesslike road legislation. The next most numerous expression is for a pure-seed law, designed to prevent the State from longer being the dumping ground of inferior seed, and especially of seed containing the seed of noxious weeds. Third in order is the expressed desire for legislation that will afford sheepmen protection against dogs. Schools, with special stress laid upon desirable changes in rural school laws, come next. Then, following, is the plea for protection of the quail—friend of the farmer in his fight against insect pests."

U. S. FLAG TO FRONT

**American Field Force is Warmly
Greeted in Paris.**

Paris.—The Stars and Stripes appeared on the streets of Paris as the battle flag of an armed force Thursday morning when the flag and 50 men of the American field service under it on their way to the railroad station for the front were acclaimed enthusiastically by early risers all along the route.

Thirty-one members of the contingent are from Cornell University. This is the first detachment of the American field service to bear arms and detailed for the transportation of munitions to the front.

SPRING WHEAT CROP

WILL RELIEVE SITUATION

**Outlook Not Alarming Declares
the Department of Ag-
riculture.**

Washington, D. C.—Despite the poor outlook for winter wheat, the Department of Agriculture hopes the country will produce a surplus for export to the allies by growing a great spring crop. Secretary Houston said the country would be unable to keep up its vast exports of the last few years, but that the Department saw nothing alarming in the situation if spring wheat does well.

"We believe," he said, "there will be a great spring crop and great crops of other grain and other food-stuffs. There is now enough wheat in the United States and in Canada to supply our normal needs until the new crop is at hand in July and still leave one hundred million bushels for export. Considering that fact, and a probable big increase in spring wheat, there is no cause for excitement."

"Still the situation is grave. It does look as if we will not have as much for export as in the last two or three years."

"Weather conditions appear to be good for spring wheat. There has been plenty of moisture. The conditions appear good, too, for corn."

The Agricultural Department is starting a campaign for conservation of the wheat supply through wider use of corn in bread.

American milling laws prohibit the use of mixed flour. Officials of the department hope to save much wheat by changing milling regulations as soon as given power under the food bills.

ELECTRIC GOAD FOR OXEN.

An electric substitute for the goad or bull-whip has just been patented by a Fort Worth man. The Electrical Experimenter describes it as a hollow rod with several small batteries and an electric coil in the handle; at the other end are two contact points, spaced a little distance from each other. When the stockman wants to hurry "bossie" up he touches her with the rod and she gets a shock that wakes her up and makes her move.

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CASH INDEMNITY NOT — NECESSARY FOR PEACE

**Bavarian Semi-Official News-
paper Opposed to Money
Demand.**

Copenhagen, via London.—The Bavarian Staats Zeitung, the semi-official Bavarian newspaper and the personal organ of Premier Count Hertling, publishes an inspired article denying the necessity of Germany's demanding a cash indemnity as one of her peace conditions. Count Hertling has just returned from a visit to Vienna, where he had conferences with Emperor Charles and Foreign Minister Czernin. The German newspapers claim that these conferences were intended to find a common ground between Count Czernin's suggestion of peace without annexation and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's peace program.

The article in the Staats Zeitung is regarded, in view of the circumstances, as important, as reflecting the ideas of the Bavarian Prime Minister. It suggests that an agreement to supply needed raw materials at a low price, or perhaps free, might be a substitute for a cash indemnity.

The writer goes on to declare that an agreement to permit German trade on its former terms in the old markets, the return of German ships and the surrender of German colonies, would be the equivalent of billions of indemnity.

In conclusion the article declares that the war has cost Germany sixty billion marks, a sum so small in comparison with the total estimated wealth of \$75,000,000,000 marks, and an annual increase of 10,000,000,000, that the empire can well afford to drop the demand for indemnification. King Ludwig's declaration at Strassburg that Germany is still willing to conclude an honorable peace if given security against the repetition of an attack by half the world, is also interesting in this connection.

It shows the spirit in which Count Hertling, who is chairman of the Bundesrat Committee on Foreign Affairs, will enter the deliberations of that committee when it meets.

"IT'S UP TO THE FARMER," SAYS WILSON

The leading article in the current Farm and Fireside entitled "Farmers Can Win the War" has to do with President Wilson's recent appeal to the farmers of America. It reminds them of the following significant statement made by the President:

"Upon the farmers of the United States, in a large measure, rests the fate of the war, and the fate of the nations. May the nation count upon them to omit no step that will increase the production of their land or that will bring about the most effective co-operation in the sale and distribution of their products? The time is short. It is of the most imperative importance that everything possible be done, and done immediately, to make sure of large harvests."

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